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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 20, 1998, said period of response being extended from February 20, 1999 to May 20, 1999.

Our check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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